



# ELDER/VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION PUBLIC AWARENESS FACT SHEET

- Each year in the United States, one to two million reports of elderly and vulnerable adult abuse are made; however, the real number of victims is even higher because most cases are not reported.
- It is estimated that only one in 14 cases of elderly and vulnerable adult abuse is reported.
- Since 2001, over 8,000 cases of patient, elderly, and vulnerable adult abuse have been investigated in regulated care facilities. Of these cases, there were 120 prosecutions or other adjudication.
- In 2009, almost 700 reports of alleged resident abuse were reported. Of these cases, 300 involved resident-to-resident abuse.
- In 2009, the Office of Health Care Quality received approximately 998 reports of alleged vulnerable adult abuse.
- In FY 2009, the Adult Protective Services Program received approximately 4,800 reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults aged 55 years of age & older. Of these cases, almost 1,800 involved continuing Adult Protective Services case management to monitor on-going risk factors.
- In 2009, the Office of Grants Management served 367 victims of domestic violence who were age 60 and over.
- In 2009, 7 (or 13%) of the 53 persons killed in domestic violence incidents were age 51 and over.